(b) The Cashew Export Promotion Council has proposals for undertaking promotion of cashew kernels in new markets like China, East Europe, Spain, Israel and CIS countries.

Formation of Cashew Board

2443. SHRI J.CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government will take steps to form a Cashew Board to protect cashew cultivation, to diversify the products with value additon; and

(b) if so, how much time it will take to constitute the Cashew Board?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVUAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Custom entry points on Indo-Pak Border

2444. DR.ALLADIP.RAJKUMAR:
SHRI YADLAPATIVENKAT RAO:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set-up custom entry points along the border and opening up of more land routes to enhance Indo-Pak Trade; and

(b) if so, the action proposed in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVUAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Reduction of export loan rates

2445. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA*: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a need to reduce the export loan rates in view of new exim policy;

(b) if so, the details of discussion being taken place among concerned Ministries in this direction; and